

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Congress Names Rep. Don Sherer “Angel in Adoption”**



State Rep. Donald Sherer has been named an Angel in Adoption and is to be honored by the United States Congress. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute will present the award to him and other “Angels” from across America on September 20.

Rep. Sherer is being recognized for his contribution to the welfare of foster children and orphans, with the aim of placing these children with families for adoption.

“Your selection is indicative of the wonderful things you are doing in the adoption/foster care realm, and you deserve recognition for these accomplishments,” the Congressional Coalition said in announcing the selection of Rep. Sherer.

Rep. Sherer said, “It is an honor to be recognized by members of Congress who are concerned about the issue of orphans and foster children.”

Rep. Sherer added, “My only hope is that this award will bring statewide and national attention to the plight of thousands and thousands of children who are waiting to be placed in a permanent, loving home.”

He thanked Congressman Christopher Shays for nominating him for the honor.

As a fellow of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Don has achieved recognition for his work in adoption law and assisted reproductive technology law. His proposal for new adoption law became the law of Connecticut in 1986.

Rep. Sherer was an advisor to the Connecticut Law Revision Commission's Assisted Reproductive Technology Committee and a consultant to the New York State Surrogate Judges Assembly, Connecticut State Legislators, Connecticut Probate Courts and medical and legal professionals on various aspects of Adoption Law and related fields.

Rep. Sherer is a member of the Connecticut General Assembly’s Select Committee on Children Adoption and Foster Care Task Force, where he has spoken out in favor of streamlining the Connecticut adoption process, which leaves children in foster homes for too long and involves too much bureaucratic delay in adoptions.

Rep. Sherer brought his extensive experience in adoptions and related children's issues to the task force, where he has also testified during its recent public hearings throughout the state and authored a significant portion of the task force's proposed legislation.